

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid masking composition comprises from about 2 to about 50 percent by weight of polyvinylpyrrolidone, a water soluble plasticizer at a polyvinylpyrrolidone to plasticizer ratio of between about 0.5 to 1 to about 5 to 1, from 0 to about 8 percent by weight of at least one surfactant, from 0 to less than 5 16 percent by weight of a saccharide; and sufficient water to total 100 percent by weight. A method for protecting selected surfaces from paint in painting operations comprises applying a liquid masking composition of the present invention to selected surfaces of an object where paint subsequently applied is not desired; allowing the liquid masking composition to dry, forming a film; painting the 10 object, whereby surfaces carrying the film are protected from the application of paint; and removing the film. A method for protecting motor vehicles or other goods from dirt, oil, grease, or other deposits is similarly disclosed.